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HOUSE, September 26, 1862.—Read first and second times, made special order for morning hour of Saturday, 27th September, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. WRIGHT, of Georgia, from Com. Med. Dep't.

AN ACT

To reorganize and promote the efficiency of the Medical
Department of the Army.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of*
2 *America do enact*, That the rank, pay and allowances of
3 a brigadier-general in the Army of the Confederate
4 States be, and the same are hereby, conferred on the
5 surgeon-general of the same.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be ap-
2 pointed in the Provisional Army of the Confederate
3 States *two assistant surgeons-general*, with the rank, pay
4 and allowances of colonels of cavalry ; one medical in-
5 spector-general with the rank, pay and allowances of a
6 colonel of cavalry, and such number of medical inspec-
7 tors, not exceeding twelve, with the rank, pay and allow-
8 ances of lieutenant-colonels of cavalry.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That there may be

2 assigned to each army in the field or military depart-
 3 ment one surgeon as medical director, who, for the time
 4 so occupied, shall be entitled to the rank, pay and allow-
 5 ances of a lieutenant-colonel of cavalry ; that there may
 6 be assigned to each division one surgeon as division-sur-
 7 geon, and to each brigade one surgeon as brigade-sur-
 8 geon and two assistant surgeons for staff or other duty.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That to each regiment
 2 of cavalry or infantry, there shall be assigned one surgeon
 3 with the rank of major, and *two assistant surgeons*, each
 4 with the rank of captain.

1 SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be en-
 2 listed and mustered into service an infirmary corps of
 3 able-bodied men, to be composed of fifty men to each
 4 brigade of an army in the field, and said infirmary corps
 5 shall be organized into companies of fifty and officered
 6 with one first lieutenant and one second lieutenant, two
 7 sergeants and two corporals, and paid in like manner as
 8 commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers and sol-
 9 diers of the Confederate service.

1 SEC. 6. The appointment of a medical officer of the
 2 regular army to any office created by this act shall not
 3 affect his rank in the regular army.

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